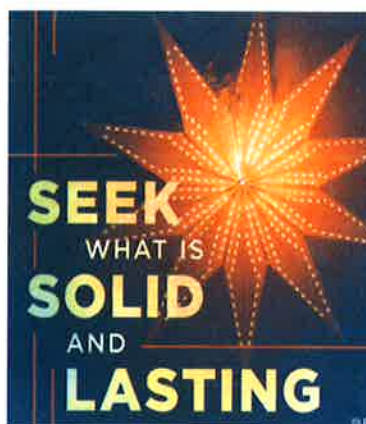


# St. Matthew's Catholic Church & Missions

St. Bernard's of Charley Creek ~ St. Catherine's of Fairview  
St. Michael's of Savage ~ St. Theresa's of Lambert

DECEMBER 14



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## Mass & \*SCAP (W/C) Schedule

### 1st & 3rd Sundays

Saturday 10:00 AM

St. Michael's Savage

\*Sunday 8:00 AM

St. Catherine's Fairview

Sunday 9:30 AM

St. Matthew's Sidney

\*Sunday 10:30 AM

St. Bernard's Charley Creek

Sunday 11:30 AM

St. Theresa's Lambert

### 2nd & 4th Sundays

\*Saturday 10:00 AM

St. Michael's Savage

Saturday 5:30 PM

St. Matthew's Sidney

Sunday 8:00 AM

St. Catherine's Fairview

\*Sunday 9:30 AM

St. Matthew's Sidney

Sunday 10:30 AM

St. Bernard's Charley Creek

\*Sunday 11:30 AM

St. Theresa's Lambert

### 5th Sundays

\*Saturday 10:00 AM

St. Michael's Savage

\*Sunday 8:00 AM

St. Catherine's Fairview

\*Sunday 9:30 AM

St. Matthew's Sidney

\*Sunday 10:30 AM

St. Bernard's Charley Creek

\*Sunday 11:30 AM

St. Theresa's Lambert

\* Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest [SCAP (W/C)]

### Daily Mass

Tuesdays\*\* - Fridays 9:00AM (*Please use the door on the east side of the church with the ramp.*)

\*\* 1st Tues. @ Extended Care & 2nd Tues. @ The Lodge

*See inside bulletin or Flocknote for changes.*

BULLETIN DEADLINE for **December 20-January 11** is Tuesday, **December 16th @ NOON**

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It is located in the foyer of the church. If interested in purchasing an item from the case, please contact: Diana

@ 406.488.3607 or Yvonne @ 406.480.3029. Also, the Heavenly Treasures Gift Shop is now open in the "old babysitting room" in the parish center. Stop by during office hours to shop.



**Are You New To The Parish or Moving?** We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners! If you are new to the Parish or just need to update your contact information, please contact the Parish Center, text updated information to 406-480-0170 or you can update or register online at [stmattsidney.com](http://stmattsidney.com). Thank you for helping us keep our family directory up to date!



## SACRAMENTS — Please call 406-433-1068.

**Baptism** Contact the Pastor prior to the proposed date.

**Marriage** Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of marriage.

**Reconciliation** Saturdays before Mass @ 5PM or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick** Contact the Pastor.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** is a process of faith formation, sharing and liturgical celebrations for those who are seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

## OTHER SERVICES



**Personal Eucharistic Adoration** For more information on available times or to sign up to fill in, please contact Jan Martineau @ 406-488-3011.

**Wednesdays and Thursdays 6 AM—6 PM**



**Periodic Eucharistic Adoration** All are welcome to join us in the church on the 4th Sundays @ 3PM.



**Homebound Ministry** If you would like to receive communion during your hospital stay or you are in your home and unable to attend mass, please call Emily Hoff at 406-480-5779 and a Eucharistic Minister will come visit you.

## LITURGY/WORSHIP

Deb Prevost [stmattworship22@gmail.com](mailto:stmattworship22@gmail.com)

Yvonne Volkman [worship@stmattsidney.com](mailto:worship@stmattsidney.com)



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact the Parish Office with Prayer Requests or fill out the Prayer Request form found on our website: [stmattsidney.com](http://stmattsidney.com) Parish Life Prayer Request

♥ Trisha Hurley ♥ Willow Rice ♥ Arlene Hueth  
†Elaine Amestoy †Steve Riedmann †Carrol "Deac" Risinger



### The Third Sunday/Week of Advent

**Week 3: The JOY Candle (pink)**

The pink candle marks a shift from solemnity to celebration. Joy is gift that multiplies when shared..



Dear Jesus,

Help us focus on you during this busy season. May we always be aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts full of gratitude to your manger on Christmas.

Amen.

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All Are Welcome to sing in the Christmas Eve Choir.

Practice will be held on Sunday, December 21st following Mass.



**Christmas Memorials:** Remember your loved ones this Christmas by making a donation toward the purchase of flowers or environment for the church. Submit your Christmas memorial envelope to the parish office by **Tuesday, December 16th at noon** for the names to be listed in the Christmas bulletin.



**The Personal Eucharistic Adoration schedule for Christmas week will be:**

Wednesday 12/24 moves to Monday, 12/22 and Thursday, Christmas Day moves to Tuesday, 12/23. The New Year's week schedule is Wednesday, 12/31 stays

the same, Thursday 1/1 moves to Tuesday 12/30.

Contact Jan @ 406-488-3011 with any questions.

**Thank You** to those who participated in the Operation Christmas Child, Food Bank Christmas Project, Gifts from the Heart and the Caring Tree. Your kindness and participation in these projects helps make Christmas a bit brighter for many of our neighbors and for others who live far away. Our community is blessed with so many generous parishioners. Thank You and God Bless!

**COME one and ALL to decorate our worship space for the Blessed Christmas season!**  
We will begin on Monday, December 22nd at 9:30 a.m. Looking forward to seeing you!



## FAITH FORMATION

Mary Quiroz mquiroz@stmattsidney.com • 406-480-5032



Students in Grades 6-12 will be caroling at the Lodge on December 14th at 5:15 PM. Students will meet at the parish center at 5PM to carpool. A signed parent/guardian consent form is required. We will return to the parish center for our Christmas party with pizza, treats and gifts. Please RSVP with Mary if you plan to join us.

## PARISH OFFICE

Stacie Olson solson@stmattsidney.com • 406-480-0170

### Stewardship: 12.1–12.7

Received: \$ 8,843.00  
 Needed: \$ 6,562.50  
 \$ 2,280.50

YTD: **Short \$ 9,150.29**



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### PARKING LOT:

Previous Balance: \$ 63,735.64  
 Rec'd 12.1-12.7: 83.00  
 Current Balance: \$ 63,652.64

Today the Church rejoices—Gaudete!—as we draw nearer to the coming of Christ. Advent joy grows when we place our trust in the Lord and give thanks for the gifts He has given us. When giving to His Church at year-end, consider sending a gift to the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana. The address is PO Box 1345, Great Falls, MT 59403 – or you can give online at [www.catholicfoundationmt.org/donate](http://www.catholicfoundationmt.org/donate). Please know every gift of every size makes a difference for our beloved Church; every Catholic is invited to participate! For those wanting to give appreciated stock or mutual fund shares, or to create a gift that qualifies for the 40% “Montana Endowment Tax Credit”, please contact the Foundation at (406) 315-1765 or [forever@catholicfoundationmt.org](mailto:forever@catholicfoundationmt.org). Gaudete!



The Caring Tree is up in the foyer. Take a tag from the tree and purchase the requested item(s). Please return the **wrapped gift(s), with the tag attached** to the **church** or **parish office** by **Sunday, December 21st** or to the **front desk at Extended Care by Monday, December 22nd**. This service project ensures each of our brothers and sisters in Christ that live at Sidney Health Center Extended Care, wake up Christmas morning with a gift.



## December 13–21 2025

### 2nd Sunday of December ~ 3rd Week of Advent

<b>SAT</b>	<b>12/13</b>	
	10:00 AM	SCAP*: ST. MICHAEL
	5:30 PM	MASS: ST. MATTHEW, Church † Dennis Eggum (12/13) by Becki E.
<b>SUN</b>	<b>12/14</b>	
	8:00 AM	MASS ST. CATHERINE
	9:30 AM	SCAP*: ST. MATTHEW, Church
	10:30 AM	MASS: ST. BERNARD
	11:30 AM	SCAP*: ST. THERESA
	5:15PM	Grades 6-12 Caroling at the Lodge <i>Meet at the parish center at 5PM to carpool.</i>
<b>MON</b>	<b>12/15</b>	
	6:15 PM	OCIA Class, Conf. Rm.
<b>TUE</b>	<b>12/16</b>	
	9:00 AM	MASS: ST. MATTHEW, Church † Ailene Cole by Deb P.
<b>WED</b>	<b>12/17</b>	
	9:00 AM	MASS: ST. MATTHEW, Church † Jackie Palmer by Yvonne V.
	5:15 PM	Grades PreK–5: Christmas party Grades 6-12: No Classes
<b>THUR</b>	<b>12/18</b>	
	9:00 AM	MASS: ST. MATTHEW, Church † Mel Rauschendorfer by Betty R.
<b>FRI</b>	<b>12/19</b>	
	9:00 AM	MASS: ST. MATTHEW, Church † Ralph Brown by Donna & Family
	11AM-1PM	Soup @ St. Matt's—All are welcome

### 3rd Sunday of December ~ 4th Week of Advent

<b>SAT</b>	<b>12/20</b>	
	10:00 AM	MASS ST. MICHAEL
<b>SUN</b>	<b>12/21</b>	
	8:00 AM	SCAP*: ST. CATHERINE
	9:30 AM	MASS: ST. MATTHEW, Church ♡ For the People
	10:30 AM	SCAP*: ST. BERNARD
	11:30 AM	MASS:: ST. THERESA

Christmas Eve:	St. Michael's—Savage	9:00 AM
	St. Catherine's—Fairview	10:30 AM
	St. Bernard's—Charley Creek	3:00 PM
	St. Matthew's—Sidney	7:00 PM
Christmas Day:	St. Matthew's—Sidney	9:30 AM
	St. Theresa's—Lambert	11:00 AM

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